



SCHOOL PROFILE

2019 - 2020

THE SCHOOL

St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy (PMA) is a four year co-ed high school for students in grades 9-12 owned and operated by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Formerly known as the all-girl's St. Matthias High School (1998-2013) and co-ed Pius X High School (1953 - 1998), the school serves the vital mission of serving students and families with a quality Catholic education that prepares them for success in college and life. Located in Downey, California, the campus has served countless students from the surrounding neighborhoods since 1953.

MISSION

The mission of St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy is to provide a challenging Catholic college-preparatory education in a supportive learning community that will positively affect the lives of teenagers, by preparing them for a life that fosters: *Pride* arising from humility and service, *Virtue* shaped by faith and morals, and *Purpose* driven by goals and determination. Inspired by the values and philosophy of Catholic education, we provide opportunities for all students to grow in faith, learn without limits, and live with a purpose.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS AND ENROLLMENT

St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy's population represents 98% Roman Catholic and 2% other Christian and non-Christian families. In the 2019-20 school year, demographics and enrollment were as follow:

DEMOGRAPHICS

ENROLLMENT

Hispanic/Latino	91%	9th	115
Caucasian	5%	10th	83
African American	2%	11th	86
Asian	1%	12th	104
Other	1%		

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

MRS. VERONICA ZOZAYA

President/Principal

MR. MOISES DELGADO

Assistant Principal of Operations

MS. NIESHE WASHINGTON

Assistant Principal of Academics

MS. LILIAN VALENZUELA

Dean of Student Success

MR. GABRIEL REYES

Dean of Campus Ministry

MR. PETE RAMOS

Dean of Student Life

MR. BOB SANTISTEVEN

Director of Athletics

MR. TONY BEZA

Dean of Character & Discipline

MR. ANTHONY BOULAHOU

Director of Admissions & Marketing

SCHOOL COUNSELORS

MRS. CHRISTINA ACKER

Academic Counselor (11 - 12th Grade)

MRS. MAGDALENA BAÑUELOS

Academic Counselor (9 - 10th Grade)

SCHOOL INFORMATION

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FACULTY AND CLASS SIZE

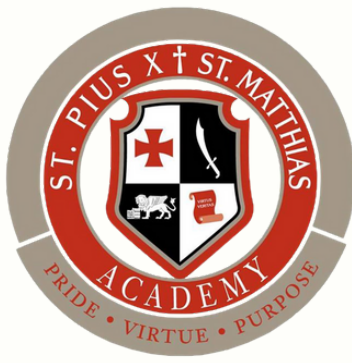
Of the 30 member teaching faculty and professional staff, 57% hold Master's Degrees. For 2019-20 the student-to-faculty ratio was 14 to 1, the average class size was 23 students.

FINANCIAL AID

St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy is committed to a strong need-based financial aid program. In 2019-20 approximately \$1,643,133 of institutional and third-party financial assistance was granted and approximately \$458,826 in merit based aid was awarded. Ninety two percent of the PMA student population received some form of financial assistance.

CURRICULUM

St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy provides a comprehensive college preparatory curriculum that addresses the disciplines of English, Mathematics, History/Social Science, Science, Theology (Religion), Visual & Performing Arts, and World Languages. Theology (Religion) courses are graded and receive full academic credit. Students are graded on comprehension of subject matter and not on their religious beliefs. As part of the Theology course offerings students are required on an annual basis to attend one spiritual retreat and meet the requirements of Christian Service commitment as outlines. Due to enrollment numbers, in some instances St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy is not able to offer a particular course. To better meet the needs of academically strong students we have established a partnership with UC Scout to enable students to access the courses they need to be competitive for college.



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy's graduation requirements fulfill the subject requirements of both the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU).

To graduate from St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy, a student must earn a minimum of 240 semester credits. In keeping with the Catholic mission, a full year of Theology is required for each grade level. In addition, each student must complete a minimum of 100 hours of Christian Service during the four years at St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy.

The academic graduation requirements for the class of 2020 (unless otherwise individually modified for transfer and international students) were as follows:

Theology	40 units
English	40 units
Mathematics	40 units
History/Social Science	30 units
Laboratory Science	20 units
World Languages	20 units
Visual & Performing Arts	10 units
Physical Education/Health	10 units
Electives	30 units
Total	240 units

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) CALCULATIONS

A student's grade point average (GPA) is based on the grading scale. GPA reflect the composite of all grades earned by the end of each academic semester.

Transcripts provide weighted and unweighted GPA calculations for grades 9-12.

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>GPA Point</u>
• A	90 - 100%	4 (5)
• B	80 - 89%	3 (4)
• C	70 - 79%	2 (3)
• D	60 - 69%	1 (1)
• F	59% or below	0

Note: GPA point values in parentheses reflect the GPA point value assigned to honors and AP courses.

COURSE OFFERINGS

The following courses were offered during the 2019 - 2020 school year:

Theology (Religion):

- Theology 9 - The Revelation of Christ in Scripture/Who is Jesus Christ?
- Theology 10 - Paschal Mystery/Christ's Mission in the Church
- Theology 11 - Sacraments & Christian Morality
- Theology 12 - Christian Vocations & Church History

English:

- English 9 and English 9 Honors - Composition & Literature I
- English 10 and English 10 Honors - Composition & Literature II
- English 11 - American Literature & Composition
- AP English Language & Composition
- English 12 - British Literature & Composition
- AP English Literature & Composition

Math:

- Algebra I & Algebra I Honors
- Geometry & Geometry Honors
- Algebra II and Algebra II Honors
- Advanced Algebra with Financial Applications
- Precalculus
- AP Calculus AB and AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics

History/Social Science:

- World History
- AP European History
- United States History
- AP United States History
- Government/Economics
- AP Government & Politics United States/Economics

Science:

- Biology, Biology Honors, and AP Biology
- Chemistry and Honors Chemistry
- Physics
- Physiology
- Forensic Science

World Languages:

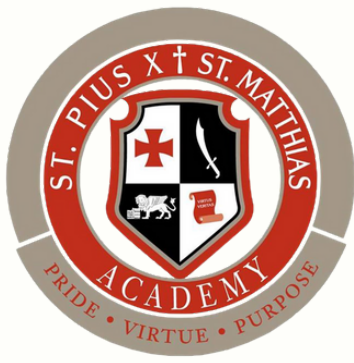
- Spanish I and Spanish I (Non - Native)
- Spanish II and Spanish II (Non - Native)
- Spanish III Honors
- AP Spanish Language & Culture
- AP Spanish Literature & Culture

Visual and Performing Arts

- Art I, Art II, Art III
- Drama I
- Ceramics
- AP Art: Drawing

College Preparatory Electives:

- AP Psychology
- Business & Marketing
- Digital Media & Production
- Public Speaking
- Yearbook: Student Publication & Media



ATHLETICS

The following athletic programs competed during the 2019 - 2020 school year:

Fall Season:

- Football
- Girls Cross Country
- Boys Cross Country
- Girls Volleyball

Winter Season:

- Girls Basketball
- Boys Basketball
- Girls Soccer
- Boys Soccer

Spring Season:

- Softball
- Baseball
- Boys Volleyball
- Track & Field

Year - Round:

- Cheer

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

The following co-curricular activities and clubs were active during the 2019 - 2020 school year:

Student Leadership:

- Associated Student Body
- Ambassadors
- Campus Ministry

Chartered & Special Interest Clubs:

- A Cause a Month (ACAM)
- Chess Club
- Comics Club
- Dance Club
- Book & Film Appreciation
- Entrepreneurs of PMA
- Food & Garden
- Orphaned Earring Club
- On the Fly Improv
- Pre - Med Society
- Robotics Club
- Sports Medicine
- Warrior Safety Team

Honors Societies:

- California Scholastic Federation (CSF)
- National Art Honor Society (NAHS)
- National English Honor Society (NEHS)
- National Honor Society (NHS)
- Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica (SHH)

TEST RESULTS

CEEB Code: 051232

2020 AP Examinations (265 exams, 140 students)

Exam Score	5	4	3	2	1
Number of Exams	16	35	80	88	46
Percent Total	6	13	30	33	17

AP Scholar Awards

Year	AP Scholar	AP Scholar with Honors	AP Scholar with Distinction
2020	26	3	1
2019	8	3	4
2017	2	1	0
2018	9	1	1
2016	1	0	0

Class of 2020 SAT Reasoning Test:

Mean Total Score	Mean ERW Score	Mean Math Score
996	506	490
Avg. % Met Benchmark	Avg. % Met Benchmark	Avg. % Met Benchmark
27%	65%	36%

CLASS OF 2020 AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

- Alma Mater Award
- Athlete of the Year Award
- Christian Service Award
- Jeff Hansen Memorial Scholarship Award
- Frank Marchese Memorial Scholarship Award
- Principal's Leadership Award
- Salutatorian
- Scholar-Athlete Award
- Sister's of Notre Dame Award
- Spirit Award
- Valedictorian
- Warrior Award

CLASS OF 2020 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

For the Class of 2020, 66% of students matriculated to a 4-year university in California, 30% matriculated to a 2-year university, and 4% matriculated to a 4-year university out of state. Names in bold indicate schools graduates matriculated to.

- Abilene Christian University
- Adams State University
- **Anderson University**
- Auburn University
- **Arizona State University**
- **Azusa Pacific University**
- Baylor University
- Belmont Abbey College
- Binghamton University
- Biola University
- Cal Lutheran University
- California State University, Bakersfield
- **California State University, Dominguez Hills**
- **California State University, East Bay**
- California State University, Fresno
- **California State University, Fullerton**
- California State University, Humboldt
- **California State University, Long Beach**
- **California State University, Los Angeles**
- California State University, Monterey Bay
- California State University, Northridge
- **California State University, Pomona**
- California State University, Sacramento
- California State University, San Bernadino
- California State University, San Francisco
- California State University, San Jose
- California State University, San Marcos
- California State University, Sonoma
- California State University, Stanislaus
- **Cerritos College**
- Chapman University
- **Compton College**
- **East Los Angeles College**
- **El Camino College**
- **Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising (FIDM)**
- Full Sail University
- Gonzaga University
- **Grand Canyon University (GCU)**
- Hawaii Pacific University
- John Paul the Great Catholic University
- Kalamazoo College
- **Long Beach City College**
- **Los Angeles Trade Technology College**
- Loyola Marymount University
- Loyola University Chicago
- Marist College
- Marymount California University
- Marymount University
- Mount Saint Mary's University
- Michigan State University
- Ohio State University
- Pacific University
- Pepperdine
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Saint Katherine's University
- **San Jose State**
- **Santa Monica College**
- **Santiago Canyon College**
- **Stanford University**
- St. John's University
- St. Mary's College of California
- SUNY New Paltz
- **United States Army**
- **University of Buffalo**
- **University of California, Berkeley**
- **University of California, Davis**
- **University of California, Irvine**
- **University of California, Los Angeles**
- **University of California, Merced**
- California State University, Riverside
- **University of California, San Diego**
- **California State University, Santa Barbara**
- **University of California, Santa Cruz**
- University of Dallas
- University of El Paso
- University of Hawaii at Manoa
- University of Houston
- **University of La Verne**
- University of Nevada Las Vegas
- University of New Mexico
- University of North Dakota
- University of Nebraska at Lincoln
- University of Oregon
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Providence
- **University of Redlands**
- Vanguard University of Southern California
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Western Michigan University
- **Whittier College**